

## CARRANZA'S SOLDIERS PARTICIPATE IN SATURDAY'S FIGHT

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Brownsville, to withdraw the Mexicans from the bank of the river at Cavazos Crossing, where an engagement occurred yesterday between Mexicans and Americans. General Nafarrate issued the necessary order and four hours later Captain J. C. McCoy, commanding at Cavazos Crossing, reported that the Mexicans had left the river bank. Shortly after the departure of the Carranza soldiers from the banks of the river a band of Mexican bandits made their appearance on the river. They were identified as bandits by the fact that they were clothing stolen in a raid on Mexican ranches and stores on the American side last week. An American soldier, making observations in a tree on the river bank was fired on once by the bandits. The Americans returned the fire and two of the gang were seen to drop, either dead or wounded, the balance making their escape into the brush.

The first intimation from the Mexican side that Carrancistas were participants in the border troubles occurred today, when information regarding an official came that a Carranza officer was one of the men positively known to have been killed in yesterday's fighting at Cavazos Crossing. The second man reported from the Mexican side as killed was a Carrancista civilian supporter and resided in Matamoros.

### Were Carrancistas.

The Carrancistas who were ordered from the banks of the river at the order of General Nafarrate today were those who last night were reported from Mission, Texas, near Cavazos Crossing, to have reached the river from a railroad train that Cavazos Crossing. Whether these engaged in the shooting across the river at 6:20 o'clock last night is not known. This morning Captain McCoy reported to Fort Brown that a band of Mexicans, unquestionably Carrancista soldiers, were occupying the Mexican bank of the river. He said military camp rules were being observed, with hugh calls and all. These soldiers, however, did not come from Matamoros, as was thought early last night, but from the Carranza garrison at Reynosa, about eight miles east of Cavazos Crossing. Through United States Consul J. H. Johnson of Matamoros General Nafarrate today reported to Colonel Bullard that a Carranza soldier had gone down to the river bank from Reynosa to water his horse and that he was fired upon and either wounded or killed. General Nafarrate said his men feared to go down to the river to get the body because of possible fire from the American side. He requested Colonel Bullard to notify the guard at old Hidalgo, Texas, which is opposite Reynosa, to see that the Carrancistas are not fired upon. Colonel Bullard said he would

issue the order.

### Blockade in Command.

A regiment of United States Infantry broke camp at Fort Brown today and another went into quarters. The Fourth Infantry arrived this afternoon from Texas City, having been ordered to Fort Brown instead of Harlingen. The Twenty-sixth Infantry, which arrived in Brownsville recently from Texas City left tonight for Harlingen, to which point the lower border patrol headquarters have been changed from Fort Brown. Colonel Robert L. Bullard will continue in command of the border patrol. Colonel Augustus P. Blockson of the Third Cavalry, who patrol command to Colonel Bullard, became commander of all troops at Fort Brown, including the regiment of infantry, squadron of cavalry, two batteries of artillery and two sections of the First Aero Squadron. The Sixth Cavalry is expected to arrive at Harlingen about the middle of the week from Texas City.

Major Hay, chief of staff to Major General Funston, arrived in Brownsville tonight from Harlingen, where he inspected the camp for the troops now arrived and due to come.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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of violation the fire escape law at the various school buildings in Snyder and these requirements to be looked after at once.

The ordinance committee was instructed to draw proper ordinance for submission to the Council regulating the travel of automobiles and other vehicles, especially upon bridges within the city limits.

The council empowered the mayor and secretary to borrow \$1,000 for the credit of the City general fund and to draw warrant for same, payable February 15th, 1916 at the regular rate of interest.

Upon motion duly carried, the Council employed E. J. Anderson, at a salary of \$33.00 per month, to attend to the reading of all meters, the issuance of bills and the collection of all accounts, issuance of receipts and payments thereon formerly handled by the city superintendent; also to see that flushed tanks, water troughs and septic tanks were regularly and properly cleaned; also to take charge of the ordinary repairs to water and sewer lines; said arrangements with E. J. Anderson to be effective from the day of the installation and pumping of water by electric power, furnished by the Snyder Ice & Electric Company.

The Snyder National Bank's bid of 3 1/4 per cent on the daily balances of the City's general fund and water and sewer accounts were accepted and said bank instructed to make proper bond to cover deposit to September 1st, 1916.

Upon motion, duly carried council agreed to pay Mr. Geo. Ryper the sum of \$10.00 per month, as the City's proportion of the night water

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## OUR PUBLIC FORUM

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On Good Work of the Farmers' Union



For years the Farmers' Union has endeavored to bring about a cotton warehouse and marketing system. Their slogan has been cooperation and education. Those familiar with the work of that organization know that its members are in hearty accord with the movement to build warehouses. They have been building warehouses for years past. But they also know that it is going to take organization and persistent energetic effort to induce the people to hold cotton in the warehouses. It can only become a reality by showing the benefits to be derived. The farmer must be convinced that the expense of housing and holding his cotton plus the interest he is compelled to pay for money borrowed to tide him over, is not in excess of the probable increase in the price of cotton during the same period. The farmer cannot afford to speculate. He must play the safe game. His big brother in business must manifest a true spirit of co-operation; that is, he must do as he expects of the farmer. He must make some sacrifice when it comes to cotton. He must assist in building warehouses without expecting to make money from their operation. Then, too, he must assist in getting the lowest possible interest rate on cotton as collateral, if stored in these warehouses.

It would seem that a receipt issued under this law furnishes all the safeguards necessary. The banks have approved it, hence there are no objections except such as may be raised by the grower, the ginner and the warehouseman. I shall not attempt in this article to answer the objections which have been raised. I do not believe the three samples which must not exceed \$1.30 ounces each, or a total of one pound, would exceed the amount taken out of the bale under the present sampling method, without taking into consideration the loss which comes to the grower's buyer from being able to get a fair correct sample and having the cotton completely covered. Indeed, the three samples taken are not lost to the buyer. One of them must be preserved by the ginner and eventually sold for the credit of the owner and the other two samples are given to the owner, one of which he must deposit with the auction if stored and the other to be used by him as he sees fit.

It may be admitted that some extra expense over present methods is occasioned by the better wrapping and the sampling but this should not exceed fifty cents per bale. It is worth fifty cents per bale for the grower to have a bonded sample if he never uses it except for street sales; because under present methods his cotton is not only cut and disfigured, causing some loss from bad order, but he is at the mercy of the man who takes the sample and declares the grade.

salary and also he was appointed Deputy Marshall, subject to the recommendations of City Marshall, O. P. Wolf, said wages to start with the month of September.

The mayor was instructed to take up the matter of the City Hall with proper parties and advise what was delaying turning said property over to the city.

These closing of part of Sutter St. adjoining Santa Fe railroad on the South was turned over to the street and bridge committee.

Upon motion, duly carried, petition of the residents of the southwest side for an extension of the city sewer line was favorably acted upon and said citizens were put on notice that the City of Snyder would commence the construction of an extension of the sewer line under the bridge and into the dirt on the west side of Deep Creek on Flanck street as soon as an acceptable bond for \$1000 was placed in the hands of the City Council, guaranteeing the payment for this work.

Upon motion duly carried, the Mayor was instructed to see Mr. P. M. Bollen relative to the acceptance of the City for Marshalling, at a salary

of \$18.00 per month and to report at the next regular meeting.

No further business coming before the council, adjourned.

## SNYDER SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY

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years from a commercial standpoint. Splendid citizens from other sections of Texas and elsewhere are locating in our midst. New business enterprises are coming and taking definite form in our city. Prospects for a large yield from the fields are every where apparent and prosperity seems to be in the very atmosphere.

Shall the school keep pace with the progress of the city and the community? If so it must have the unstinted support of the citizenship of Snyder and the moral support as well. The school can not live without these influences. You have stood by it nobly in the past and there is now no reason why you should fail.

er. Let us all join together Monday evening and resolve deep down in our very being that we will have the best school this year that Snyder has ever had. Let us get together and fairly understand each other and the conditions which confront us so that we may meet them heroically.

The program will be as follows: Invocation, Rev. M. T. Tucker. Address, Hon. H. F. Pryor, President of School Board.

"The City," Hon. J. E. Noble, Mayor of Snyder.

"The Function of the Schools," Judge C. C. Higgins.

"The Relations of the Community to the Schools," Judge T. P. Perkins.

"The Scholastic Policies for this Year," Supt. E. A. Watson.

Others will be given an opportunity to speak and any patron who has any suggestion for the upbuilding of the schools will be welcomed.

Thanking the good people of Snyder for their unflinching loyalty during the past three years of my service and asking for the same in double portion for this coming year, I

Yours to serve,  
H. A. WATSON.

## BRITISH LINER HESPERIAN TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING

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valled, but all were picked up and with the other passengers and the crew were transferred to the rescue steamers which arrived in answer to wireless calls for assistance. The Hesperian was about 120 miles in the westward when struck.

The torpedo struck the Hesperian forward of the engine room, tearing away the forward part, so that water rushed into the forward compartments. The wireless operator instantly sent out a call for aid, while Captain Main ordered the boats over the side. A fleet of rescue steamers soon reached the scene and all the persons in the small boats were taken aboard. American Consul Frost at Queenstown reports that the Hesperian carried one 4.7 inch gun visible on the stern.